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Examiner: **K. Katcher**

FOR: A METHOD FOR CULTURING CELL AND A CULTURE VESSEL

**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF
PRIORITY DOCUMENTS**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 9, 2002

Dear Sir:

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of the priority documents for the above-identified application.

The priority documents were filed on **May 21, 2001**. A copy of the transmittal letter to the Patent Office, which states that the priority documents were filed along with a date stamped post card, and a copy of the cover of each priority document are attached hereto.

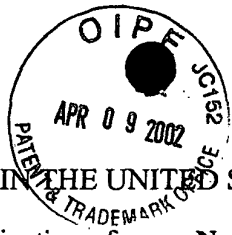
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CLAIM FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119

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Sir:

The benefit of the filing dates of the following prior foreign applications are hereby requested for the above-identified application, and the priority provided in 35 U.S.C. 119 is hereby claimed:

Japanese Application No. 11-336208 filed on November 26, 2001

Japanese Application No. 11-336210 filed on November 26, 2001

In support of this claim, the requisite certified copies of said original foreign applications are filed herewith.

It is requested that the file of this application be marked to indicate that the applicants have complied with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 119 and that the Patent and Trademark Office kindly acknowledge receipt of said documents.

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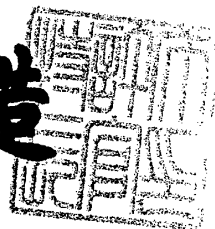
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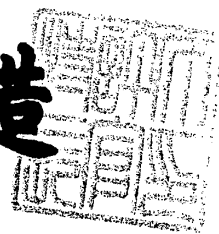
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Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the papers filed as indicated
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